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BOOK REVIEWS.

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Voting Trusts—A Chapter in Recent Corporation History.—By Harry A. Cushing, of the New York Bar. New York. The McMillan Company. 1915. Price \$1.50.

This is the first book in which adequate treatment is given to this important subject, and is one, not only interesting to read, but of distinct value to all lawyers interested in the organization and management of large corporations. We suppose it will be somewhat of a surprise to Virginia lawyers to know that the General Assembly of our State, by an act of Feb. 20th, 1894, authorizing the organization of a corporation by the purchasers of the mortgaged property of the Richmond & Danville Railroad Company, provided that the stock of the new corporation should have "such preferences, conditions and voting power as shall be approved in said plan of organization;" and a subsequent act of the General Assembly, Jan. 23rd, 1900, specifically recognized the existence of the voting trust. The author seems to think that this action taken by the Virginia Legislature, which, by the way, was in connection with the formation of the Southern Railway, was unknown to our Supreme Court of Appeals when they decided the case of the Carnegie Trust Company v. Security Life Insurance Company, 111 Va. 1.

This volume gives the early history of the voting trusts and the details of their more recent developments. The significance, the contents, and the law of voting trusts is fully discussed, and the acts of the various State Legislatures and the decisions of the courts are cited and quoted in a concise and most admirable manner.

One of the excellent features of the volume to practicing lawyers consists in the numerous forms for voting trusts set out at length in the volume. The book is of distinct value to investors, business men and trust officials, as well as lawyers.

American and English Annotated Cases—Containing the most important cases selected from the current American, Canadian and English Reports, thoroughly annotated. Editors, William M. McKinley and H. Noyes Greene. Volume 37, Ann. Cas. 1915 C. Edward Thompson Company, Northport, Long Island, New York. 1915. Bancroft-Whitney Company, San Francisco, California. 1915. Price \$5.00.

As usual we find these cases up to date, with an additional valuable feature in that every head note is annotated. We have been much interested in the note on page 282, upholding the Validity of a pension to Confederate Veterans. The note on page 186 as to the

Regulation of Garages is of course of intense interest to every owner of an automobile. The note upon the new subject of Workmen's Combinations, page 308, is also interesting and valuable.

A rather novel case is reported, with a valuable note, on page 347, where an individual Jew sued for damages against a lecturer who attacked the entire Jewish population of Quebec. There is much division of authority upon this question, but most of the authorities recognize that an intent to injure certain individuals belonging to a class can be inferred from defamatory statements of publication, and therefore the individuals, or an individual, of the class can maintain an action for libel or slander.

A note on page 396 gives very full information as to what annoying acts of a third person will justify a tenant in moving. On page 97 is a valuable note upon the somewhat novel question as to the effect of error in the name of a party to a recorded instrument. One will be surprised to find how much authority there is upon this subject.

Those who do much shooting will be interested in the note on page 1152 as to the right to shoot in navigable waters.

This volume is in every way equal to its predecessors and in some respects even more entertaining and valuable.

Commercial Land Titles—Portion of an address delivered before the thirty second annual session of the Georgia Bar Association at St. Simons Island, Georgia, June 4, 1915.—By Eugene C. Massie of Richmond, Va., author of "Torrens System," 6 VA. LAW REG. 215; Same 11 VA. LAW REG. 649, 717, 740, in Virginia Law Review for November, 1915.

Mr. Massie in this address continues his advocacy of the Torrens System and vigorously points out the disadvantages of the present land-title law, as he has previously done in articles on this subject published in the LAW REGISTER under the above citations.—T. B. B.